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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: NEWS STORIES IN BAVARIAN PRESS  
DEALING WITH US-GERMAN DIFFERENCES ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION,  
MAIN BATTLE TANK (MBT), AWACS AND REFLATION OF FRG ECONOMY  
HAVE COME MOSTLY FROM WIRE SERVICES. THEY HAVE BEEN FACTUAL  
AND NOT ESPECIALLY STRIDENT. EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN  
GENERALLY CRITICAL AND IN SEVERAL INSTANCES SHARPLY SO. COVERAGE  
OF FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR DEAL AND MBT ISSUE HAS BEEN VERY  
HEAVY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOR MOST PART, NEWS STORIES ON FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR  
DEAL, MBT, AWACS AND REFLATION WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY  
BAVARIAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE COME FROM FRG AND FOREIGN WIRE SERVICES.  
CONSEQUENTLY, COVERAGE OF THESE ISSUES HAS CLOSELY PARALLELED  
COVERAGE IN BONN AND ELSEWHERE IN FRG. "AUGSBURGER ALLGEMEINE"  
STORY OF MARCH 10 CONSTITUTED IMPORTANT EXCEPTION. IT CLAIMED  
THAT NEW US ADMINISTRATION WAS BURDENING RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN  
ALLIES ON BROAD FRONT, CITING DELAY OF LANDING RIGHTS FOR CONCORDE,  
"HEAVY PRESSURE" ON FRG AND BRAZIL TO DISCONTINUE NUCLEAR DEAL,  
US ATTEMPTS TO SELL NATO PARTNERS "THE DOUBTFUL AND EXPENSIVE  
AWACS," AND US CHARACTERIZATION OF LEOPARD TANK AS UNSATISFACTORY.  
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3. "NUERNBURGER NACHRICHTEN," AN INDEPENDENT LEFT-ORIENTED  
DAILY WHICH IS OFTEN RATHER CRITICAL OF US, CARRIED TWO  
SHARPLY CRITICAL EDITORIALS IN PAST TEN DAYS. MARCH 9 EDITORIAL  
CALLED ON FRG TO DEAL WITH US ON MBT ISSUE ON "TIT FOR TAT"  
BASIS. MARCH 15 EDITORIAL ON FRG-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT CRITICIZED  
MANNER IN WHICH US TREATS ITS CLOSE ALLIES. MARCH 15 EDITORIAL

IN "NUERNBURGER ZEITUNG" (PRO-CSU) COMPARED PRESIDENT CARTER "THE MORALIST" WITH OTHER PROMINENT US "MORALISTS" SUCH AS WOODROW WILSON, WHOSE "SELF-DETERMINATION" RESULTED IN SOWING SEEDS OF FRATERNAL STRIFE IN EUROPE AND SETTING STAGE FOR WWII, AND JOHN FOSTER DULLES WHO MADE COLD WAR "COLDER THAN EVEN HIS OWN COUNTRY COULD STAND."

4. BY CONTRAST EDITORIALS IN "MUENCHNER MERKUR" (PRO-CSU) AND TZ, WHICH IS BOULEVARD VERSION OF MERKUR, SUGGESTED THAT WHILE US HADN'T DONE WELL BY ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES, EUROPE HAD DONE NO REPEAT NO BETTER IN DEALINGS WITH US.

5. "AZ" (VAGUELY PRO-SPD) FELT LEOPARD NEVER HAD FAIR CHANCE IN US BUT THAT ITS DEFEAT WAS NATO DEFEAT RATHER THAN FRG DEFEAT.

6. MARCH 15 AND MARCH 17 EDITORIALS IN "AUGSBURGER ALLGEMEINE" CALL FOR BONN GOVERNMENT TO KEEP COOL HEAD AND NOT REPEAT NOT REFLATE FRG ECONOMY AT BEHEST OF US AS THIS WOULD, IN THE FINAL RESULT, BE OF NO BENEFIT TO ANYONE.  
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